

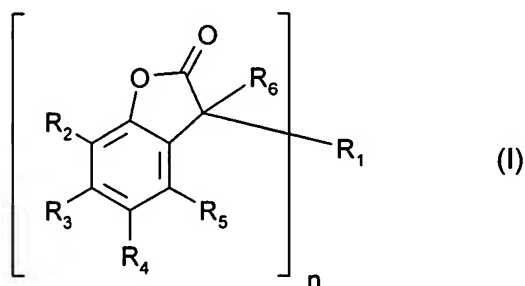
## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

In between the title and the first paragraph on page one of the specification, the following paragraph is inserted:

This is a 371 application of PCT/EP/2003/50954, filed December 8, 2003, which claims priority to US Provisional Serial No. 60/434,715, filed December 18, 2002, which is herein incorporated by reference.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended). A composition of matter normally subject to oxidative deterioration comprising an edible organic substance normally subject to oxidative deterioration and a minor amount effective as an antioxidant of one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of  
(i) 3-arylbenzofuranones in the present invention are compounds of the formula I



in which, if n is 1,

R<sub>1</sub> is unsubstituted or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkyl-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkoxy-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkylthio-, hydroxyl-, halo-, amino-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkylamino-, phenylamino- or di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkyl)amino-substituted naphthyl, phenanthryl, anthryl, 5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl, 5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-1-naphthyl, thienyl, benzo[b]thienyl, naphtho[2,3-b]thienyl, thianthrenyl, dibenzofuryl, chromenyl, xanthenyl, phenoxathiinyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyridazinyl, indoliziny, isoindolyl, indolyl, indazolyl, purinyl, quinoliziny, isoquinolyl, quinolyl, phthalazinyl, naphthyridinyl, quinoxalinyl, quinazolinyl, cinnoliny, pteridinyl, carbazolyl, β-carboliny, phenanthridinyl, acridinyl, perimidinyl, phenanthrolinyl, phenazinyl, isothiazolyl, phenothiazinyl, isoxazolyl, furazanyl, biphenyl, terphenyl, fluorenyl or phenoxazinyl, or R<sub>1</sub> is a radical of the formula II